

State of Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

Ben Brancel, Secretary

DATE:

October 25, 2012

TO:

Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection

FROM:

Ben Brancel, Secretary

John Petty, Administrator, Division of Agricultural Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Conservation Engineering Report including Drainage

PRESENTED BY: Todd Boehne, Conservation Engineering Unit Supervisor, and

Seth McClure, State Drainage Engineer

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is presented for information only. Board may vote to accept this report.

SUMMARY / BACKGROUND:

This report is provided as an update to the board on Conservation Engineering services provided by the Conservation Engineering Unit to landowners and local government units in the state. The report focuses on activities performed in 2010-2012 to support the modernization of dairies and meet the needs of other rural landowners. The engineering report will highlight key accomplishments in the program including improved delivery of services, select contributions by staff on specific projects, and support for drainage boards provided by the state drainage engineer. In addition, the report will touch on important future directions for the unit.